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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the
above-identified patent application as follows:

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend claims 1, 4-6 and 8 as follows:

1. (Thrice Amended) A frame for a sporting
device for coupling to a shoe which frame comprises an upper
sub-frame having a first rigid link with means for coupling to
the shoe to be worn by a user, a lower sub-frame having a
second rigid link which is coupled via pivoting and
translating coupling means to said first rigid link for
pivoting and translating in a main plane and upon which wheels
or runners may be secured, and resetting spring means for
urging both sub-frames toward each other; wherein the sub-

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